Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Esther Ronshaugen, and we are richer because Esther lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Esther was born August 17, 1904, in Volga, South Dakota; and,

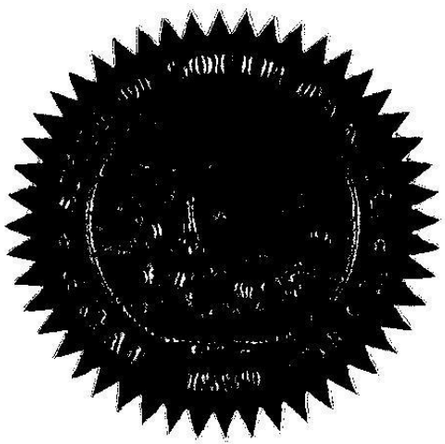
Whereas, Esther taught school in South Dakota for 34 years and was the first female principal in South Dakota. Esther was also the superintendent in Wallace and Brandt, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Esther resides in Brookings and will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 17, 2004, as

ESTHER RONSHAUGEN DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and her relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State